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THE ZAMBIAN PRESS COMMENTED ON PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S WARNING
YESTERDAY THAT HE MAY BE FORCED TO SEEK ASSISTANCE FROM EASTERN
COUNTRIES IF THE WEST GIVES RECOGNITION TO THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT
IN RHODESIA. THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL WROTE:
"IT IS CLEAR THAT SMITH WANTS TO INTERNATIONALIZE THE WAR. HE
WANTS THE WESTERN COUNTRIES TO COME TO HIS SIDE BY PROVOKING
ZAMBIA INTO THE EASTERN BLOC."

SAID THE MAIL EDITORIAL: "THE WESTERN COUNTRIES, AND THE
AMERICANS IN PARTICULAR, WOULD DO WELL TO WARN THE WHITES IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA OF THE GRAVE DANGERS THAT CAN ARISE FROM SUCH MAD ADVENTURES."

OF THE FUTURE, THE PAPER NOTED THAT IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT WITH THE
INTERNAL SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA NOW SMITH'S LAST DESPERATE GAMBLE,
" AND WITH THE BLACK PUPPETS DETERMINED TO JOIN SMITH IN SEIZING
POWER, THERE WILL BE MORE DESPERATE RHODESIAN RAIDS INTO ZAMBIA."
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IN THE MAIL'S VIEW, "FURTHER RAIDS WILL BE BOUND TO HEIGHTEN THE
DANGER OF AN ESCALATION OF THE WAR. THIS IS BECAUSE ZAMBIA WILL
FIND IT VERY DIFFICULT TO ALLOW THE RHODESIANS TO ENJOY THE
MONOPOLY OF THE BOMBINGS."

THE TIMES OF ZAMBIA, FOLLOWING UP ON THE SAME THEME, CHARGED THAT
BRITAIN CANNOT ESCAPE CULPABILITY FOR THEY HAVE ACREATED THE

CLIMATE IN WHICH A WAR BETWEEN ZAMBIA AND RHODESIA IS "ALMOST INEVITABLE."

"ZAMBIA WILL HAVE MANY FRIENDS ON ITS SIDE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST SMITH. THE BRITISH, NATURALLY, WILL BE ON THE OTHER SIDE. SO WILL THE AMERICANS, PROBABLY. BOTH COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGING SMITH IN HIS RECKLESNESS," THE TIMES EDITORIALIZED.

THE NEWSPAPER ALSO ALLUDED TO REMARKS ATTRIBUTED TO U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS, ANDREW YOUNG AND SAID: "ANDREW YOUNG'S COMMENT ABOUT THE BRITISH 'RUNNING AWAY' FROM THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM IS APT. THE BRITISH BULLDOG LONG AGO LOST ITS TEETH FOR BATTLE." ITEM USIS LUSAKA. O'BRIEN

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